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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21: (previously presented) A method of decreasing the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition wherein TGF- $\beta$ -induced production and deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue exists comprising:

contacting the tissue with an anti-TGF- $\beta$  antibody that binds to TGF- $\beta$ ;  
whereby the binding of the anti-TGF- $\beta$  antibody to the TGF- $\beta$  suppresses the deleterious accumulation of the TGF- $\beta$ -induced extracellular matrix in the tissue, and wherein the pathology or condition is glomerulonephritis.

Claims 22-34 (canceled)

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Claim 35: (new) A method for treating a pathology characterized by an accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue, comprising contacting said tissue with a TGF-beta suppressing agent which suppresses the extracellular matrix producing activity of TGF-beta, wherein said pathology is adult respiratory distress syndrome and wherein said agent is an TGF-beta antibody.

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